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TO : FOL
Amembassy Brasilia

FROM : Stuart Lippe *SLW*
Amconsul Porto Alegre

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SUBJECT: Disappearance of Argentine Priest Jorge Adur from Porto Alegre

Ref: Porto Alegre-0285 of Sept. 29, 1980 (NOTAL)

1. In June, 1980, Jorge Adur, an exiled Argentine priest, came to Porto Alegre just before the visit of Pope John Paul II. Adur, known as a captain-chaplain in the Montoneros reportedly had hoped to arrange meetings of the "Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo" with the Pope. He disappeared before the Pope's arrival here, and there were some allegations that Brazilian and Argentine security forces may have cooperated to spirit him out of Brazil to Argentina (reftel).
2. The "Movement for Justice and Human Rights" of Porto Alegre in a press release published June 27, 1983, now charges that Adur was taken off a Buenos Aires to Porto Alegre bus at Paso de los Libres (an Argentine border town) on June 26, 1980, by Argentine authorities. According to the "Movement," Adur was travelling with false documents in the name of Pedro Ramon Altamiro. He had allegedly arrived in Porto Alegre June 10 from France, and continued to Argentina via Paraguay around June 15. According to the press story, Adur maintained contacts in Buenos Aires with the "Episcopado Argentino de Movimiento Peronista Montonero" as well as coordinating plans for a group of women representing the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo to travel to Porto Alegre during the Pope's visit (July 5-6, 1980). The Consulate is unaware whether any such meeting took place.
3. Comment: Although there were vague charges at the time of a kidnapping and complicity between Brazilian and Argentine security forces, the "Movement" now apparently accepts that Adur left Brazil on his own. Aside from the kidnapping in 1978 of an Uruguayan couple, which received widespread public exposure, there is no record of Brazilian authorities, national or local, having cooperated in the kidnapping of exiled Argentines or Uruguayans.

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